

# Catio language

**Catío Emberá** (Catío, Katío) is an indigenous American language spoken by the Embera people of Colombia and Panama.<sup>[3]</sup>

The language was spoken by 15,000 people in Colombia, and a few dozen in Panama, according to data published in 1992.<sup>[3]</sup> 90 to 95% of the speakers are monolingual with a 1% literacy rate.<sup>[3]</sup> The language is also known as *Eyabida*, and like most Embera languages goes by the name *Embena* 'human'.<sup>[3]</sup>

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## Phonology

Catío	
Emberá-Catío	
<b>Native to</b>	Colombia, Panama
<b>Native speakers</b>	(15,000 cited 1992) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Chocoan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emberá</li> <li>▪ Northern</li> <li>▪ Catío</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	cto
<b>Glottolog</b>	embe1260 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/embe1260">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/embe1260</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
<b>Stop</b>	aspirated	p <sup>h</sup>	t <sup>h</sup>		k <sup>h</sup>	
	ejective	p'	t'		k'	
	voiced	b	d			
<b>Fricative</b>	aspirated		s <sup>h</sup>			h
	ejective		s'			
<b>Affricate</b>	aspirated			tʃ <sup>h</sup>		
	ejective			tʃ'		
	voiced			dʒ		
<b>Nasal</b>		m	n			
<b>Rhotic</b>	trill		r			
	tap		r			
<b>Approximant</b>		w				

## Vowels

	Front	Central	Back	
High	i ī		w ū	u ū
Mid	e ē		o õ	
Low		a ã		

[4]

## Notes

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